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Remembering the Things That Matter

By BRETT DUNCAN • Tangi Times Contributor

When politics consumes us, we lose more than perspective. We lose joy, connection, and the chance to make a real difference.

It breaks my heart when I see friends and family so consumed by national politics that they lose sight of the things that matter most.

I've watched relationships strained, family dinners derailed, neighbors divided, and even worse… all over politicians in Washington who will never know our names.

People spend hours each day in online battles, but have little energy left for those sitting across the table.

After World War II, Winston Churchill knew something about disappointment.

The man who had rallied Britain through the Blitz, who became the very voice of courage in their darkest hour, was voted out of office just weeks after victory.

Most men would have been crushed by bitterness. But Churchill went home.

He returned to Chartwell, his country estate, and threw himself into the ordinary rhythms of life.

He painted at an easel in the sunlight, leaving bright streaks of color across his clothes. He built brick walls with his own hands, carefully laying stone after stone, the sound of his trowel striking mortar echoing across the garden.

He wrote his memoirs and spent long afternoons walking the grounds with family and friends.

Churchill never stopped caring about his country. In fact, he would return to lead it again a few years later, but he refused to let politics become his entire identity. He remembered that a full life is bigger than headlines and elections.

Why We're Stuck

Today, many of us struggle to do what Churchill did. Politics has become all-consuming, and not by accident.

In his book, The Political Brain, Drew Westen reminds us that politics is not primarily about facts or logic. It's about emotion, specifically fear, pride, anger, and hope; the emotions that light up our brains and drive us to act.

In the age of social media, those emotional triggers are being pulled constantly and deliberately.

Political strategists craft messages designed to outrage us because it keeps us engaged and voting for "our team."

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Innovative Support for First Responders

By WES YOUNGER • Tangi Times Contributor

Photo from myltleo.com

Local couple Bill and Amy Jones combine their knowledge to tackle PTSD, depression, and the stigma that often goes along with mental health challenges among first responders and police officers.

Bill retired from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office after 33 years of service to the community. After taking some time off, he returned to law enforcement as a reserve officer with the Hammond Police Department and helps to organize their color guard.

Amy has been a social worker since 1997, working with the community. One early morning, Amy woke up and asked, "What can I do, together with Bill, to thank our law enforcement and first responders?"

As Bill and Amy are members of the Mission Church in Ponchatoula, Amy reached out to Pastor Devin and Kathy Pedeaux about using the old foyer to serve gumbo for the event. To her surprise, she was told no — instead, they were given access to the larger church building and encouraged to host a full dinner.

Building Community Support

The couple planned a simple gumbo, but the idea quickly grew. With the help of church members and pastors, what began as a small meal turned into a full event. Bill and Amy fed law enforcement officers and first responders a steak dinner to show appreciation for their sacrifices.

Bill and Amy are both certified peer counselors. Amy also works as a therapist, and together they launched the 'Be the Light' series in August to spotlight positivity and resilience in the community.

Mentored by Dr. Tanya Glenn, who has 30 years of experience working with police departments, Amy and Bill provide confidential, no-cost peer support. This allows first responders to seek help without fear of professional consequences or stigma by offering anonymous access to care.

Early Intervention

Their approach emphasizes early intervention, built on the belief that PTSD escalation can often be prevented if addressed promptly. While peer support is critical, they also integrate evidence-based therapies such as EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), which helps process trauma by shifting memories from short-term into manageable long-term storage. Unlike traditional therapy, EMDR does not require repeated retelling of trauma, making it more accessible for

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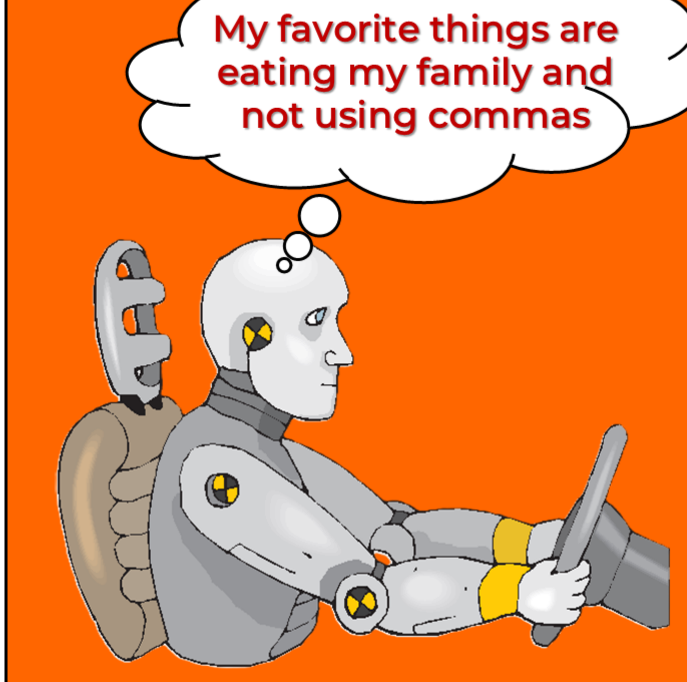
My favorite things are eating my family and not using commas

Punctuation is important!

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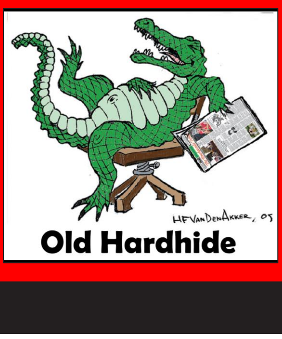

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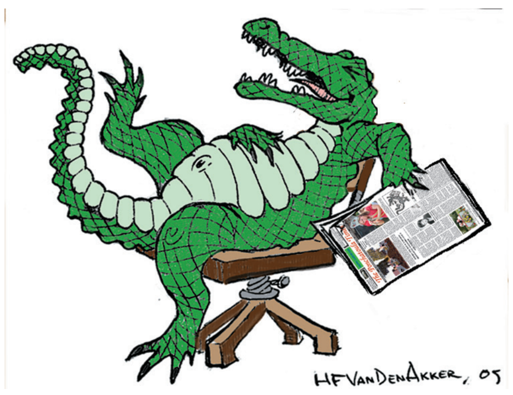

By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

Hot! Hot! Hot!

That's how your favorite gator narrator is feeling today! And what has this fine reptilian's spirits so sky high? Well, I'm glad you asked. I have been asked to be the guest of honor at the Richard Murphy Hospice Gala this Saturday night at Chappapeela!

For those of you who don't know, the Richard Murphy Hospice Gala is THE place to be. It's a fundraiser to support Richard Murphy Hospice House, which provides great care to terminally ill patients when they might not otherwise get it. So it's a worthy cause, and the main gator is happy to be the guest of distinction!

This year's theme is "Once Upon a Dream." Over a thousand people are expected to participate in an evening filled with food, dancing, a live auction, and a silent auction to support the Richard Murphy Hospice House.

Okay, full disclosure – they didn't actually use the term "guest of honor" or "guest of distinction," but the Hide knows how to read between the lines.

So, this is a dressy affair, and y'all know Gatorus Supremus looks simply FABU in a tuxedo! Clearly, I will have to wear tails.

I can picture myself now on the red carpet… the dance floor… the spotlights following me everywhere. This luxurious leather has been all over the world – an international reptilian playboy of sorts, so you know I will be right smack dab in my element.

Oh, and I love that they have an auction. The Hide loves auctions!

There's only room for one guest of honor, but tickets might still be available. Go to the Richard Murphy Hospice Gala Facebook page to see if there are any left. You know you want to see the glamorous gator in action! Now I just need to find a date.

MEMES
are good medicine!

How my week is going:
I just took a pillowcase out of the dryer, put it over my head thinking it was a t-shirt, spent 20 seconds inside it searching for the neck hole, and then mumbled, "What is this, pants?"

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Dubious News

Hello friends!
Have your entrepreneurial ambitions ever gotten you in trouble? You aren't alone. In what might be the strangest case of yard work gone rogue, Ohio public school administrator Steven Keenan was suspended after allegedly selling eleven of the school district's lawn mowers on Facebook Marketplace – without the school board's approval. Keenan reportedly listed the mowers online to raise money… for new mowers. Essentially, he was running a "mow one, buy one" program no one asked for.
The ad probably read something like, "Vintage School-Issued Lawn Mower. Lightly used, mostly by underpaid groundskeepers. Starts on the third pull if you pray hard enough.
Smells like cafeteria pizza. $250 OBO."
The board suspended Keenan and is now considering firing him, citing a code of ethics violation. Meanwhile, the grass at Akron schools is reportedly taller than the superintendent's patience.
Until next time, friends!

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
Mayor Wesley Daniels
City of Ponchatoula

Ponchatoula friends and neighbors, I'm excited to announce that this weekend marks the second Live After Five of the month, and we're thrilled to welcome the talented 3rd Street Band back to our stage! This free, family-friendly event is one of the highlights of our city, bringing us all together to enjoy great music and community spirit in downtown Ponchatoula.

As we look forward to an exciting lineup of fall events, I encourage you to make the most of your evening — hit up our shops and restaurants before or after the show. Ponchatoula has so much to offer, and Live After Five is the perfect opportunity to enjoy it all. Bring your family, grab your friends, and join us for another memorable evening of music, fun, and fellowship.

"I love our city, and I love its people."
-Wesley Daniels

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Spiritual Petition

God, please remind me that each day is a new blessing. No matter what challenges I face, please help me to never forget the precious gift of life.

Marshall Graves
Love Is the Key Outreach

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Thurday September 25
10 am
Book club meeting
Audubon Regional Library
6108 Highway 10, Greensburg

Friday September 26
7 pm
LIVE AFTER 5
Downtown Ponchatoula Revitalization Program
125 West Hickory, Ponchatoula

Friday September 26 – Saturday September 27
14th Annual TPSO Mounted Division Rodeo
Florida Parishes Arena
1301 NW Central Ave., Amite

Saturday September 27
7 am
Touring Tangi Car Show
Tangipahoa Parish Fair
12614 Arena Dr, Amite

Saturday September 27
10 am – 12 pm
Tea Tour
Fleur De Lis Tea Company
58265 N Cooper Rd, Amite

Saturday September 27
10 am
St. Vincent de Paul – Grand Reopening
824 N. Morrison Blvd., Hammond

Saturday September 27
8 am
Litter Clean Up
Keep Hammond Beautiful
Corner of 401 SW Railroad Ave. & E. Coleman St.

Wednesday October 1 – Sunday October 5
Tangipahoa Parish Fair
12614 Arena Drive, Amite

Saturday October 4
4 pm
The Hungarian Heritage Harvest Dance
Springfield Fire Station
32280 Terry Street, Springfield

Toula Title and Friends Sponsor TPSO Lunch

In anticipation of National Thank a Police Officer Day on Saturday, Dawn Chiasson and her team at Toula Title, along with partners Altrad-Sparrows and CraneWerks, prepared and served approximately 200 meals on Friday, September 19, to Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office in Amite.

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St. Tammany Parish grand jury has indicted former Covington Police Deputy Chief Randall Joseph "Trey" Mahon III on 17 counts of possession of child pornography and one count of indecent behavior with a juvenile under 13, District Attorney Collin Sims announced. Mahon, 41, had previously faced five similar possession charges and one count of indecent behavior. Prosecutors said a joint investigation by the DA's Special Victims Unit Task Force, Covington police, the Department of Homeland Security and New Zealand's Department of Internal Affairs uncovered additional child sexual abuse material on his electronic devices and a cloud storage account. Mahon is set for arraignment and a bond hearing on Sept. 25.

Louisiana State Police say 23-year-old Sarah Stone of Madisonville was killed last week in a two-vehicle crash on LA 444 near Acosta Lane in Livingston Parish. Investigators report Stone was driving east in a 2002 Honda Civic when she failed to negotiate a right curve, crossed the centerline and collided head-on with a westbound 2014 Peterbilt tow truck. Stone, who was properly restrained, died at the scene, while the truck driver suffered minor injuries. Troopers said impairment is not suspected but routine toxicology tests are pending as the investigation continues.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, working with the state health and wildlife agencies, has begun testing seafood from the Tangipahoa River and nearby Lake Pontchartrain for possible contamination linked to runoff from the Smitty's Supply fire in Roseland. The first sampling round started Sept. 18 and uses standard Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries methods to collect fish and other species for analysis of heavy metals and petroleum-related hydrocarbons, with control samples taken from unaffected Bayou Lacombe. Accredited labs will conduct EPA-approved tests and share interim updates after each round, with a final report to follow once trends are clear. Officials said the effort, which includes consultation with the EPA and multiple rounds of testing over several months to detect any bioaccumulation, will determine whether seafood consumption advisories are needed to protect public health.

Keep Hammond Beautiful and the City of Hammond invites the public to join in picking up litter from Hammond's sidewalks and green spaces as they host Fall Clean-ups on the 4th Saturday of each month in September, October and November from 8 -10am.

September 27 - Meet at 8am by the Welcome to Hammond digital sign & railroad tracks at the corner of 401 SW Railroad Ave & E. Coleman St.; Litter sticks, garbage bags, gloves and safety vests provided.

October 25 - Meet 8am at Clarke Park, 801 S. Holly St.

November 22 - location TBA

For more information contact Dori at stcyr_d@hammond.org

Southeastern Louisiana University is gearing up for Homecoming 2025, with celebrations beginning Monday, October 13, and culminating in the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 18. The university plans a full week of events for alumni, students, and the community, with details to be announced in the coming weeks. Southeastern also thanked its Alumni Tailgate sponsors, Fidelity Bank Louisiana and NOLA Lending, for supporting the festivities.

Construction of Tangipahoa Parish's new Loranger Branch Library is progressing well, according to Tangi Library officials. The upcoming 7,000-square-foot facility will replace the current 1,770-square-foot branch and include meeting rooms, an outdoor plaza and other modern amenities. Library leaders credited Tangipahoa Parish Government, the Louisiana state government and State Rep. Nicholas Muscarello Jr. for helping secure $500,000 in state funding to launch the project, which they say will serve Loranger residents and the wider parish for years to come.

There is a marginal risk of severe weather to our area Wednesday. Most of the threat appears to be south of us, but we can still see some strong winds and heavy rains late Wednesday and Thursday. Rainfall of 1 to 2 inches is forecast.

Paving operations are scheduled to begin next week on East and West Prevost Lane in Loranger.

Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller said Barriere Construction crews are scheduled to begin the process of paving East and West Prevost Lane during the week of September 22.

This is a continuation of the Phase 2025 overlay program. Miller said crews have completed more than 90 percent of the projects planned for this cycle, which should wrap up in the next few days.

During the week of September 22, work is scheduled in the following areas:

Shoulder Dressing: South Lewiston, Brown Road (Village of Tangipahoa), Mandella, Jaelyn Drive, Briarwood, Trabona, West Black Cat, Frank, West Martin Luther King, and Perry;

Paving Operations: East and West Prevost Lane.

In addition to the planned overlay operations, Tangipahoa Parish Road and Bridge crews will close Easley Road in the Village of Tangipahoa on Tuesday, September 30, for maintenance work. The roadway will be closed from 9am until approximately 2pm so crews can install cross drains in multiple locations.

All work is weather-permitting, and motorists can expect intermittent delays in construction zones.

For updates on road work in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

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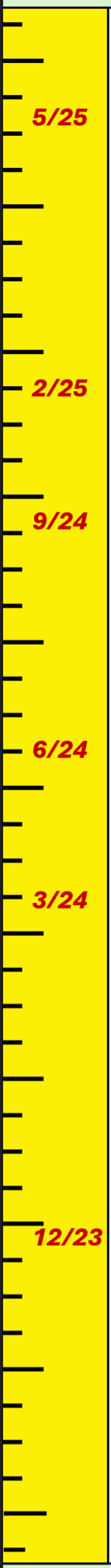

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Talk of the Town!

What was your first job, and what did you love (or not love) about it?

Alice Bahm
Ponchatoula

Paul's Cafe. I loved the smell of bacon every morning. I was young and shy, and the people were all so friendly.

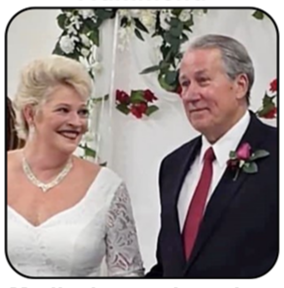
Dale Welch
Independence

North Tangi Beach as the cook cashier and drove people up river to tube. Fun Sundays with live bands and drunk fights.

Leslie McKnight
Hammond

Tastee Donuts in high school. Sundays were my favorite - Ms. Pac-Man for hours with my tips when it was slow.

Nedra Reed
Hammond



Medical records tech at Lallie Kemp at 16. My job was to gather info for newborns' birth certificates. Loved it.

Parker Layrisson
Ponchatoula

My brothers and I worked at Hi Ho during high school. We loved it. It was always full of fun people and free food.

Roland Terrebonne
Ponchatoula

I was 14 working at school as an assistant janitor cleaning rooms after school. Gave me money for clothes, etc.

Rose Dominguez
Ponchatoula

Summer of 1975 at Ponchatoula Beach Pavilion – cabins, concession stands, and party barge! Best job!

Tonya Aiken
Ponchatoula

KFC. I walked out in my uniform with my little KFC hat, and my mom died laughing. I quit the next day.

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Embracing Our Inner Child

By KASIA PERKOWSKA
Tangi Times Feature Columnist

For years I've heard about nurturing and healing the inner child, but I had no idea what it actually meant until very recently. I had assumed it was the childish side we all possess and allow to come out once in a while when we do fun or goofy things. There are some who wouldn't even entertain the idea of doing silly things, playing, or having fun because we are adults now and have jobs, responsibilities, our own children to raise, and a number of other reasons life is usually taken very seriously.

This doesn't really leave us much room for dilly dallying and goofing around "wasting time" when there never seems to be enough of it. A lot of us may be busy to the point where there just isn't any room for play, and we continually put off that weekend getaway or vacation we've been wanting to take for a few years now.

Playing and having fun as adults is very beneficial to our lives, mental health, and well-being, but that is not what the inner child actually is, for our purposes here.

Our inner child is a subconscious part of each and every one of us. According to psychologists and therapists, our inner child is the young and vulnera-

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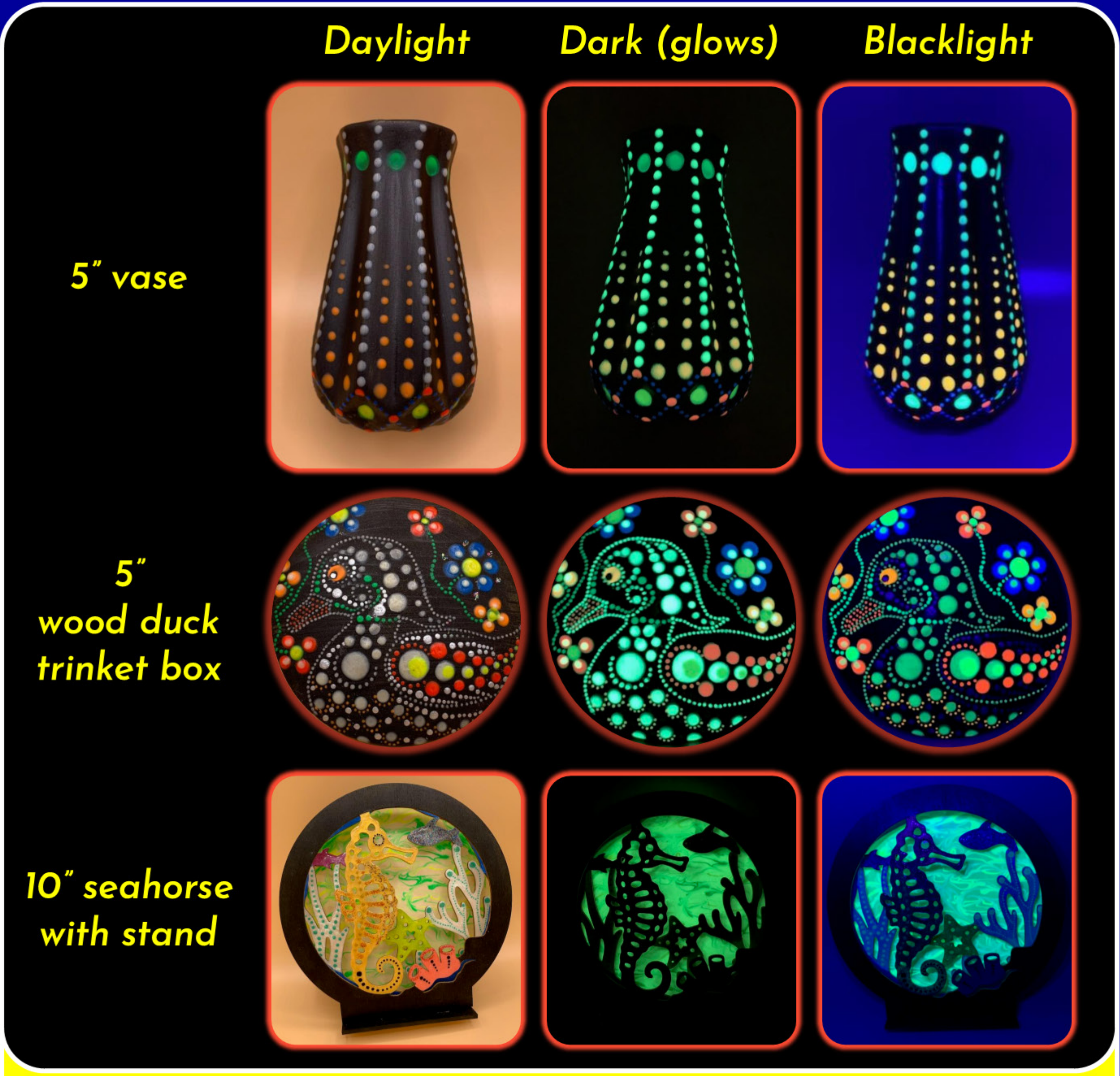

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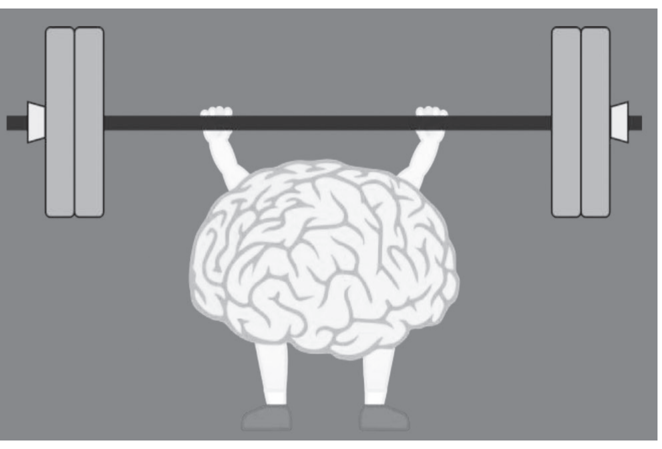

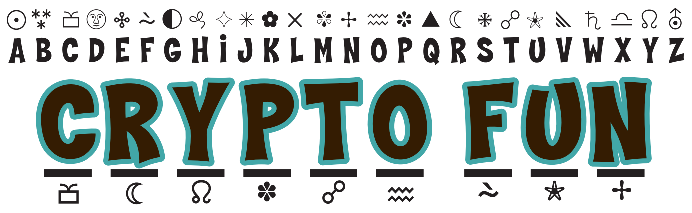
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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to friendship.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = N)

A. 10 14 18 23 17 5 13 14 5
Clue: Person to spend time with

B. 17 2 2 9 10 3 13 14 5
Clue: Feeling of fondness

C. 7 14 10 13 17 15
Clue: With people

D. 10 14 5 2 13 26 17 5 3 9
Clue: Listens to secrets

Answers: A. companion B. affection C. social D. confidant

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SCRAMBLE PLUS

In each row, write a five-letter answer to the clue on the left. Then add a letter A and rearrange the letters to create the six-letter solution to the clue on the right.

1. Artifact __________ Cream-filled pastry __________
2. Legal __________ Slanted type __________
3. Dark time __________ Detesting __________
4. Leg up __________ Cultural no-nos __________
5. Furry swimmer __________ Turn around __________

*If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to **publisher@tangitimes.com** before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to friendship.

N S I I V E T

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Answer: Invites

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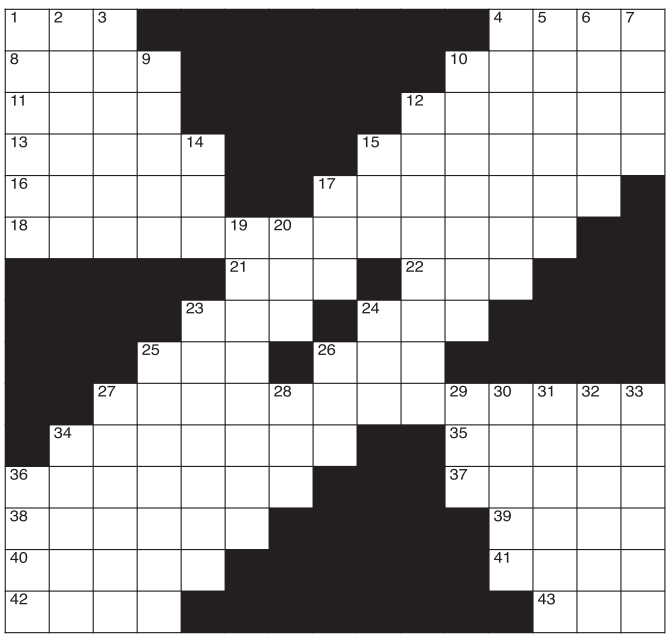


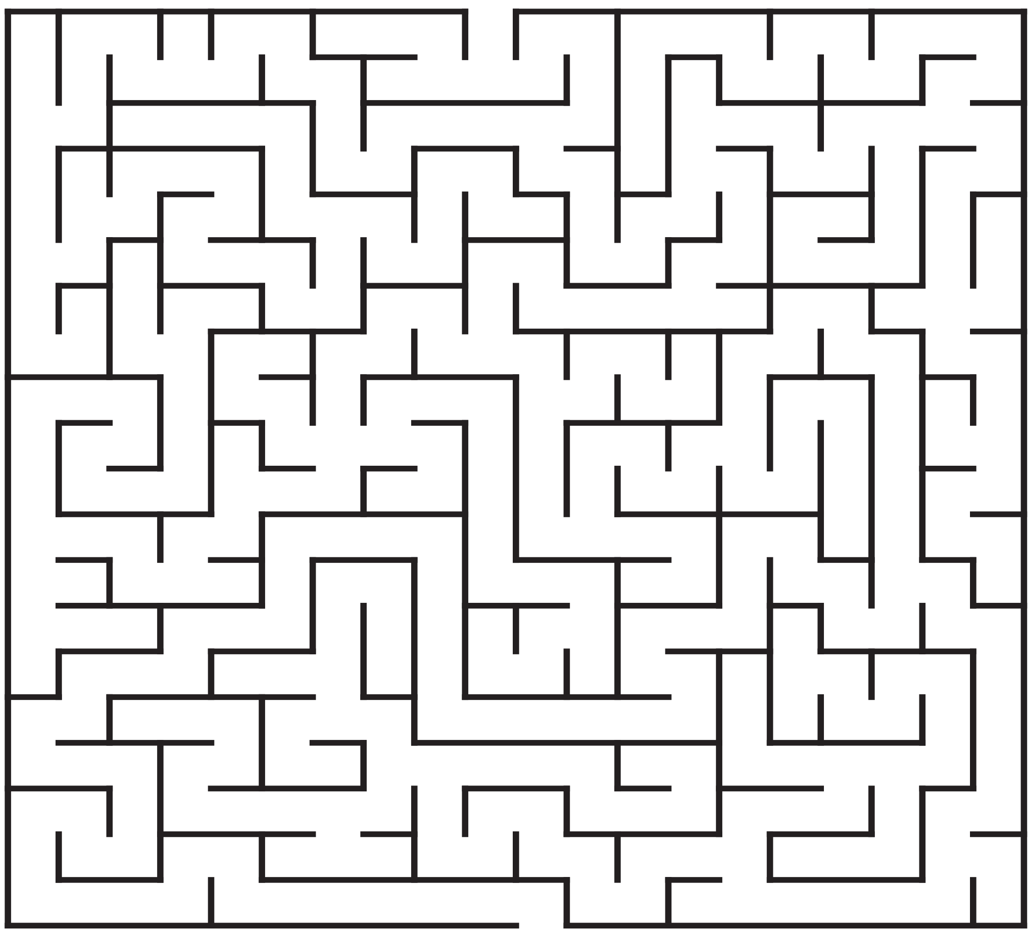
CLUES ACROSS

1. Gas usage measurement
4. Muslim mystic
8. Towards the mouth or oral region
10. Monday (Spanish)
11. Frame for a coffin
12. Rub out
13. John __, English educator 1467-1519
15. Small round particle
16. Chilean seaport
17. News service
18. Pay for dinner
21. Glamorous city
22. Subway rodent
23. "The Raven" author
24. Buddhist festival
25. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
26. Indigenous person of Thailand
27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
34. Series-ending episodes
35. Bluish greens
36. Aquatic mammal
37. Unit of measurement
38. Eye membranes
39. Indian god of dissolution
40. People of Scotland
41. Leak slowly through
42. Rock icon Turner
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Large hat covering
2. "From what is earlier" (Latin)
3. Celtic
4. Retirement region
5. A way to change posture
6. Touches
7. A small island
9. Rubbish
10. A citizen of Laos
12. A place to dance
14. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
15. Mild expression of surprise
17. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
19. Descriptions
20. Men's fashion accessory
23. Thieves of the sea
24. Prohibit
25. Card game
26. French and Belgian river
27. Underling
28. Downwind
29. Type of medication
30. German city
31. Animal disease
32. Martini ingredients
33. Get away from
34. Stuffed (French)
36. Type of precipitation

Kids' Corner



GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in California on September 27, 2002. I began my acting career at age 8, appearing in episodes of a soap opera and "CSI: New York." Later, I was cast in the comedy series "Richie Rich." My fame grew when I took on the roles of a macabre daughter in a TV series as well as in the sequel to a famous ghost movie.

Answer: Jenna Ortega

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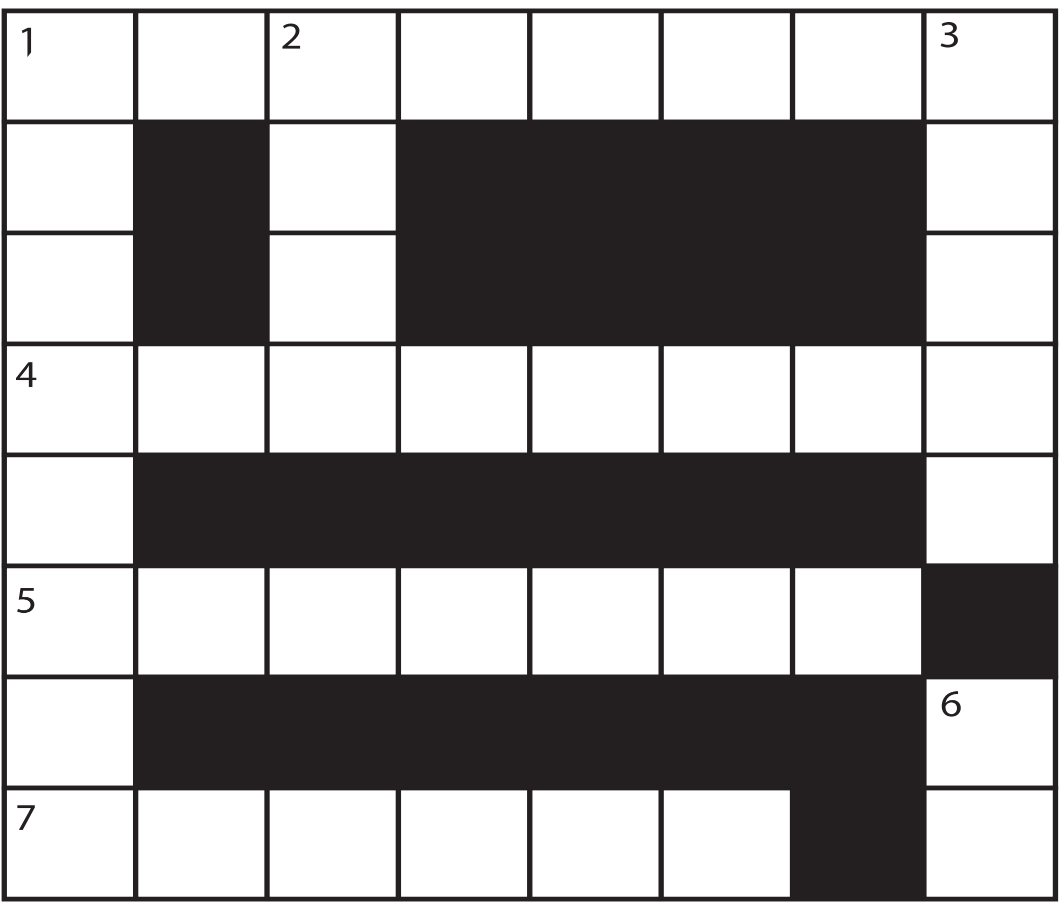

ACROSS
1. A thing a person does
4. Connective tissue
5. Grabs and stops a person
7. Competitive activities

DOWN
1. Sports participants
2. Aggressive person
3. Someone who is young
6. Extra time in a game (abbr.)

WORD SEARCH

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TOGETHERNESS
TRUST
UNDERSTANDING

OBITUARIES

Steven Knott; 69; Tickfaw; September 4; survived by his children, Stephanie Jones (Jamie), Dianna Cornish, Kevin Knott; grandchildren, Timothy Howell, Joshua Slocum (Kayla), Shelby Slocum Cornish, Jack Jones (Natalie), Joseph Slocum and Ella Jones; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Yvonne Leilua and Ted Knott; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved pets.

Barbara Touchstone; 91; Hammond; September 6; survived by her sons, Kenneth Corkern (Vicki) and Keith Corkern; grandchildren, Coye Corkern (Katie), Toye Corkern, Chad Corkern, Carmen Brabham (Jason), Richelle Hoover (Michael), Amanda Corkern, Rebecca Kennedy (Bruce); 18 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Audrey Crawford (Bill); and numerous other relatives.

Jeannie Stanga; 72; Ponchatoula; September 6; survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Brian Stanga, and her beloved pets, Mia and Oakley.

Adam Wilmont Guidroz Jr.; 81; Springfield; September 6; survived by his daughter Dawn (Guy Sibley), daughter Lacy (Jake Blanchard), son Garett (Cherie Guidroz), son Adam Guidroz, III, son, Corey Guidroz, Sr., son KC (Anna Guidroz); twelve grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

F**arrell Anthony “Tony” Buras Sr.**; 79; Hammond; September 9; survived by his companion, Linda V. Thomas; four daughters, Karen Buras Newell (Keith), Carrell Buras Jones (Greg), Jeannie Buras Harper, and Alice Buras; son, Jason M. Buras; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and loved ones.

John Richard Gaude; 78; Hammond; September 9; survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Virgina LaRue Gaude, children; Jeff Gaude (Sheri), Paige Fernandez (Beau), grandchildren; Amanda Clark (Dustin), Miranda Gill (Bobby), Jacob and Faith Gaude, great-grandchildren; Riley, Dawson, and Blakely.

Frank Louis Krenkel, Jr.; 82; Hammond; September 9; survived by his spouse, Pauline Palermo Krenkel; his daughters, Catherine Krenkel Miceli (Christopher) and Debra Krenkel-Smith (Leonard); five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many special and cherished friends, including his adopted grandchildren whom he treated as family.

Rebecca Ann Freeman Tabor; 53; Kentwood; September 9; survived by her beloved husband, Thomas R. Tabor; children, Detroit Dixon and fiancé, Jessica Ingle, and Dailyn Dixon and fiancé, David Walker, Bailee Brassell and husband, Philip, Skylar Tabor and fiancé, Caitlin Reeves; daughter-in-law, Autumn Morgan; six grandchildren; and many other relatives.

Sallie Lee Barlow; 80; Denham Springs; September 11; survived by her brother, James A. Barlow, Jr. and his wife Corine; niece, Leslie Domangue and her husband Marlon and their sons, Michael and Aaron; as well as numerous cousins.

Mary Ann Ingles; 74; Albany; September 11; survived by three daughters, Chris Roberts and husband, Ron, Denisha Devall and husband, Jonathan, Amy Hood and husband, Jason; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; sister Virginia and husband Charles White; granddaughter Erika; and many other loving relatives.

Ernesto Miguel Gomez Sr.; 85; Hammond; September 11; survived by his children, Ernest Miguel Gomez Jr., Alberto Gomez, Marisela Gomez, Sebastian Gomez, and Adelita Gomez; and grandchildren, Taylor Gomez and Albertito Gomez.

Michael Arthur Rau; 72; September 11; survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Rhonda D. Rau; beloved daughter, Samantha McEachern (Bubba); daughters of his heart, Melissa DePaula Henderson, Amanda DePaula, and Kayla DePaula; sister, Chyrl Wood, and 10 grandchildren.

Yvonne Verneuil Felder; 92; Ponchatoula; September 12; survived by her children, Cathy Felder Havel (David), Don Felder, Patricia Felder Tranter (Stephen), Theresa Felder DeVine (Johnny), and James “Wormy” Felder (Sharon); 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; grand-daughter-in-law; sister-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lance Colby Hoover; 43; Hammond; September 13; survived by his father, Lynnest Paul Hoover; mother, Debbora Davis Hoover; children, Landon, Caiden, Audrina, and Lance, Jr; brother and sister-in-law, Bret & Brandy Hoover; grandmother, Catherine Arnold Davis; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Charles ‘Eddie’ Renegade Wagner; 82; Albany; September 13; survived by his daughters, Tressa McAlister (Carl), Tiffney White (Heath); son, Eddie Joe Wagner (Sherry); 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Steve Michael Berry; 76; September 14; survived by his wife Wendy Pistorius Berry; sons, Eric Berry, Ryan Berry (Cori), and Thomas “T.J.” Annina (Tina); grandchildren, Thomas Annina Jr., Logan Annina, and Madeline Berry; brother, John Berry (Melanie); sister, Sandy McLain (Joe Hane); mother-in-law, Margaret Pistorius; as well as numerous friends.

Denise Brown Baham; 66; Independence; September 14; survived by her husband, Charles “Milton” Baham; daughter, April Lemken; brother, Mike Brown, sister, Donna Gail Jones; grandchildren, Chyenne McGee, Zackary Underwood, Debriana Durham, Darrel Underwood, Hunter Underwood, Sarah Cuccia and Michael Cuccia, III; and a great grandson, Axel Durham.

Charles Carl Clausen, Jr.; 51; Hammond; September 14; survived by his daughters, Maranda Clausen, Paige Clausen, and Meagan (Brandon) Schaeffer; son, Philip Clausen; four grandchildren; mother, Julie Ann Clausen; father, Carl Clausen; sister, Misty Clausen; brother Michael “Mac” (Melissa); and many other relatives and friends.

Terry Grant Morgan Sr.; 78; September 15; survived by his son, Terry G. Morgan Jr; daughters, Marlo McLemore, Michelle Anderson, and Beatrice Bailey; sister, Sherri Malbrough; grandchildren, Zakary Scott, Keli Rae, Colby John, Brittany, Austin, Ashley, Audrey, and Tiffany; and his 10 great-grandchildren.

Iris Jeanette Tannehill; 88; Walker; September 16; survived by her daughters, Ann Tannehill Arceneaux and husband Arlis and Brenda Tannehill Rice Covington and husband Ronnie; son, Ernest Tannehill and wife Paula; daughter-in-law, Shellie Tannehill; 9 grandchildren, Esther, Casey, Nathan, Bryan, Brent, Brandon, Jonathan, Jessica, and Megan; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Eugene Nelson Sharp, Sr.; 82; Tickfaw; September 16; survived by his daughter, Lori Deare (Shawn); his companion of 25 years, Eleanor Beal; stepchildren, Steve Anthony (Nona), Loyd Montgomery (Angela), Kathy Forrest (Les) and Joseph Montgomery; six siblings and respective in-laws; and many other friends and family members.

Patricia Ann Thomas; 76; Kentwood; September 16; survived by her son, Robert Marc Huber (Melissa Cuti); daughter, Lori Burch (Jamie); grandchildren, Amber Huber, Kelsey Travis (Landon), Kylee Burch, Ethan Burch, Cooper Burch, and Grace Arnone; three great-grandchildren; brother, Dennis McElveen (Rosalee); niece and nephew, Elizabeth and Mathew McElveen.

Glenda Bailey McLain; 73; Loranger; September 17; survived by two sons, Jeffrey McLain and Cory J. McLain; siblings, Evelyn Gatlin, Carter Bailey (Cookie), Charles Bailey (Diane), and Agnes Cardinale; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Christopher Michael Paille; 54; September 17; survived by his wife Tanya Smith Paille, daughters Shanna Renee Paille, ShelbyLynn Paille-Gisevius, and son in law Gavin Gisevius. He is also survived by his parents, Robert Paille and Joyce Paille, brothers Robbie Paille (Erin Paille), Brandon Paille (Cassie Paille), and nephew Skylor Paille.

Karen Anne Matthews Sutton; 60; September 17; survived by her loving husband of 28 wonderful years, Mark D. Sutton; her beloved daughter, Emma A. Sutton; her mother, Yvonne Matthews; and sister, Carol Matthews.

Brenda Ann Baudier Ernst; 78; Loranger; September 17; survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, John Anthony Ernst, III; son and daughter-in-law, John Jeffrey Ernst and Robin Rogers Ernst; grandchildren, Courtney Ernst Benson (Casey), John Anthony Ernst, Sr. (Brittany), and Ethan Louis Ernst (Jeanine); sister, Sharron Baudier; and numerous relatives and friends.

Sam Houston Wall; 85; September 17; survived by his wife, Margaret Abels Wall; daughters, Donna Wall, Melissa Threeton (Brian), Naomi Devall (Kevin), and Charlotte McLemore (Rick); stepsons, Richard Abels Jr. (Kathleen) and Christopher Abels (Danielle); sisters, Ruth Dufreche, Linda Fendlason (Glynn), and Dorris Decota (Glenn); and several other relatives.

Nancy Gray Birch; 88; Kentwood; September 19; survived by her daughters, Julia B. Travis and Michelle Fitzgerald and husband, Justin; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Peggy Varnado and husband, Jimmie; and her loving, caring caregiver, Peggy Tate.

Gail Ann Simmons Camus; 74; Ponchatoula; September 19; survived by her daughter, Lisa Camus Daigrepont; son, Christopher James Camus; brother, James Simmons III (Cheryl); and her best friend, Lori Eldridge Haven.

Rex Duane “Pike” Garon; 67; Livingston; September 21; survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Vickie I. Garon; daughter, Shea Schexnayder (Blair); son, Trampas Amedee (Becky); sister, Peggy Garon; brothers, Dale Garon (Van), Richard Garon (Sonya); four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous other friends and relatives.

Dudley Edwards Jr.; 79; Ponchatoula; September 22; the family will hold a private service at a later date.

Lavada Bennett Cutrer; 89; Roseland; September 22; survived by her daughter, Patricia Tinker Cutrer; sons, Ray Cutrer (Debbie), Newton Cutrer, Woody Cutrer (Cindy), Bill Cutrer (Angie), and Timothy J. Cutrer; sister, Mary Zeffer Thames; 18 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

SUPPORT

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those hesitant to discuss painful experiences.

Long-Term Vision

The long-term vision is clear: no responder should ever be denied treatment because of stigma, cost, or logistical barriers. By embedding peer support into departmental culture, normalizing therapy, and providing confidential and affordable access to care, the movement hopes to make mental wellness as routine and accepted as physical fitness. Amy and Bill's nonprofit, FAITH Enroute, has become a cornerstone in this movement. Its mission is to deliver peer support and trauma recovery for first responders, emphasizing mental health care and suicide prevention.

Weekly peer support groups, often hosted in private homes, are being established across the state to reach responders in every field.

Expanding Access and Changing Culture

Despite progress, financial and cultural barriers remain. Many responders — especially single parents or those without paid time off — struggle to access consistent treatment.

Generational divides also play a role: younger officers are increasingly open to seeking care, while older responders often avoid it due to ingrained cultural attitudes. Bill and Amy work to break these barriers by expanding access, reducing stigma, and nurturing family connections. Their programs ensure that those who protect our communities never have to suffer in silence.

Innovative Support Tools

One of their most touching innovations is the creation of ‘My Lieutenant Leo’ — stuffed animals designed for children of first responders. Equipped with voice boxes, these toys allow parents to record personal messages for their children before a shift or deployment, bridging emotional distance during separations.

This innovation provides comfort and connection, helping reduce stress and even mitigate suicide risks among responders. Plans are underway to expand this idea to include stickers, other support tools, and outreach beyond first responder families.

Programs That Make a Difference

Through partnerships, Bill and Amy also help run FAITH Enroute's confidential, judgment-free spaces, where individuals share experiences and build resilience together. Beyond peer meetings, the organization helps families cover treatment-related expenses and meet daily needs during recovery.

Programs like Camp Blue, sponsored by HPD, give children mentorship opportunities with police officers, fostering trust and positive relationships. Certified peer support specialists are now available locally, extending professional and compassionate guidance to responders in need.

Looking Ahead

The combination of peer support, innovative tools, and evidence-based therapies in Bill's and Amy's vision provides a roadmap for resilience. First responders need more than applause; they need sustained, compassionate systems that recognize the emotional toll of their work.

By reducing stigma, expanding access, and building stronger family and community connections, Bill's and Amy's programs are ensuring that those who protect our communities never again have to suffer in silence.

Couple Arrested in Drug Investigation

From TPSO

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO), in collaboration with the Hammond Police Department, has arrested two convicted felons for running a drug operation out of their Tickfaw home.

Sara Hughes, 35, has been booked on one count each of Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule II narcotics, Possession of Schedule III narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Illegal Possession of Stolen Things, Possession of Weapons While in Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS), Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Possession of Stolen Things ($25,000 or more) along with several unrelated outstanding warrants and traffic violations.

Stephen Roberson, 58, has been booked on one count each of Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule II narcotics, Possession of Schedule III narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Weapons while in Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS), Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Possession of Stolen Things, and Resisting an Officer as well as two counts of Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Earlier this month, thanks to a tip from the community, the TPSO Narcotics Division was made aware of suspicious behavior at a home in the 16000 block of Johnson Lane in Tickfaw. Following several days of surveillance operations, TPSO confirmed both suspects were conducting illegal narcotics sales out of the home and obtained search and arrest warrants.

On Wednesday, September 17, TPSO Narcotics detectives were joined by the Hammond Police Department SWAT team to conduct that search which turned up a half a pound of methamphetamine, some hidden in toolboxes and blankets, a stolen gun and a stolen vehicle. While Hughes was taken into custody on site, Roberson was arrested at his place of employment after eluding deputies for more than an hour.

The TPSO would like to thank the public for their partnership in reporting suspicious activity and HPD for their assistance with this case.

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NOTICE

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Paraprofessional (9 Month)

SALARY: $19,614 – $30,431 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: To Be Determined

CRITERIA:

- Must have a High School Diploma or GED equivalent

Preferred Qualifications:

- Highly Qualified
  a. ParaPro Praxis exam with a passing score of 450 or higher
  b. Bachelors degree
  c. Associates Degree in Early Childhood or an Applied Science
  d. 45 College Credits from an Accredited College or University, including:
    i. 3 hours in English Language Arts
    ii. 6 hours in Mathematics
    iii. 6 hours in Reading
- Complete a Special Education training course for paraeducators
- Heartsaver AED Certification (current)

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website (https://www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/). Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal, even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or email applications will not be considered.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Parish on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the Parish, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of four (4) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated $3,168,487.33 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax") for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintenance, operation and development of its Parish health units and for the promotion and conservation of public health?

The said special election will be held at each and every polling place situated within the boundaries of the Parish, which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541).

The polling places at the precincts situated within the boundaries of the Parish, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law pursuant to Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $131,900.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council
ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $81,314.32 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
00/044 (PART OF)	Northshore Technical Community College, 111 Pride Avenue, Hammond
00/141 (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/141A	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/143 (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/143A (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

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In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $15,700.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $63,415.74 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
00/044 (PART OF)	Northshore Technical Community College, 111 Pride Avenue, Hammond
00/141 (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/143 (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $12,800.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Publish Sep 3, 10, 17 and 24 Cost of notice:$ 52.50

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa ("Road Lighting District No. 7") be authorized to renew the levy and collection of a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of Road Lighting District No. 7 (the "Tax") (an estimated $59,392.46 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2027, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2036, the proceeds of said Tax to provide funds to be used entirely and exclusively to acquire, improve and equip the system of road lighting on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of Road Lighting District No. 7, and to provide funds to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
00/070 (PART OF)	Ponchatoula City Annex, 110 West Hickory Street, Ponchatoula
00/070A (PART OF)	Ponchatoula City Annex, 110 West Hickory Street, Ponchatoula
00/072 (PART OF)	Ponchatoula Community Center, 300 N Fifth Street, Ponchatoula
00/072A (PART OF)	Ponchatoula Community Center, 300 N. Fifth Street, Ponchatoula
00/073 (PART OF)	Ponchatoula Junior High School, 315 E. Oak Street, Ponchatoula
00/139 (PART OF)	Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 15475 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $17,500.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

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Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Publish Sep 3, 10, 17 and 24 Cost of notice:$ 59.60

SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION
163 WEST HICKORY STREET
PONCHATOULA, LA 70454
(504) 386-9309

NOTICE

THE SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION
WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025 9:00AM
PONCHATOULA CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING
110 WEST HICKORY STREET
PONCHATOULA, LA

Any member of the public who has a condition which meets the definition of a disability under the Americans with disabilities Act and who wishes to participate in this meeting, such person, or a designated caregiver of such person, shall contact the port's administrative office at (985) 386-9309 at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting and request that such participation by telephone be arranged.

Cost of notice: $ 5.00 Publish: 9/17, 9/24, 10/1 and 10/8.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING
CITY OF PONCHATOULA

Request to Appeal the Consolidated Board's Approval for a Variance

The City of Ponchatoula will hold a public hearing to review a request submitted by Stephen Gibson to Appeal the Consolidated Board's decision to approve a Variance at 253 S. 8th Street Ponchatoula La, 70454 for a structure too close to a property line. The Appeal will be heard at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2025, a 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. 125 W. Hickory St. All interested parties are invited to attend. Questions regarding this matter may be presented to the Council at this time.

Nikki James, City Clerk
Posted September 18, 2025.
Published Sept 19, 24, Oct 1, 8

Cost of notice: $13.80

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that on September 8, 2025, at a regular meeting of the Ponchatoula City Council, an ordinance was introduced as follows for an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 814-Appendix B- Subdivision Ordinance, Section 4.11-B.1. General Requirements for Improvements and Standards for Design and Construction Drainage and Storm Sewers – Pipe Specifications and Catch Basins, of the City's Code of Ordinances.

A public hearing will be held on October 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting of the City Council. Anyone with comments may appear before the council at this time.

Publish Sept 17, 24, Oct 1
s/Nikki James, City Clerk
Cost of notice: $ 11.50

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bids will be accepted by the Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, c/o David Atkins, Fire Administrator, Post Office Box 818, Amite, Louisiana, 70422, until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025, for selection of a fiscal agent to enter into a three (3) year fiscal agency contract for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, for the deposit of funds belonging to the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2. Interested parties may obtain bid specifications by contacting David Atkins, Fire Administrator, at (985) 969-5976.

Publish Three Times: Monday, September 15, 2025
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Cost for notice: $10.00

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Keeping It Real in REAL ESTATE

with Stacey Levin, RAM Properties

In the Beginning...

By STACEY LEVIN
Tangi Times Technical Contributor

Owner/Broker of RAM Properties, Stacey Levin

"In the beginning God created..."

This week I was reminded about my own beginning in real estate, and what God created through it. Some of you may have heard bits and pieces of my story before, but it's been a while. And since our beginnings shape us, I think it's worth telling again.

I graduated from a tiny Christian school; my senior class was about 12 students. College wasn't even talked about in my home, so I went straight into years of service industry work with a few sales jobs sprinkled in.

After Hurricane Katrina, my husband and I evacuated to Texas and stayed there for a few years. We bought our first home there, but when I became pregnant with my now 18-year-old, we decided to move back home to Louisiana to be closer to family.

Instead of selling our Texas home, we rented it out to who we thought were a nice family. After only a few rent checks, those tenants burned our house down while smoking in the garage.

Because we didn't know we needed renters' insurance, the homeowners insurance refused to cover it. We had to give that home back to the bank.

By then we had purchased a small home in Amite during the post-Katrina price surge, but that house became a financial burden, too, because of high flood insurance. Eventually, we lost that home, as well. Within a few years, we had two foreclosures and even a car repossession on our record.

When we left the Amite home, we moved into a rental in Hammond. I was pregnant with my now 14-year-old, and I was looking for work.

My husband had found a good job, but we still needed income. I saw a small ad in the paper for a receptionist position at a real estate office near our house. I had never had a desk job, but I went for it. The pay was less than $10 an hour, but I took it.

After just a few weeks sitting at that desk, something stirred in me. I decided to take the classes and get my real estate license.

When I passed my test, I was overwhelmed with gratitude and confidence. Grateful, because I knew God had helped me. Confident, because if He helped me, then I must have been in His will — and if I was in His will, I couldn't fail.

My first full year in real estate was a success beyond my wildest dreams. I won Rookie of the Year for the entire Northshore, and from there, I continued to win awards year after year.

In 2019, RAM Properties was born when I finally convinced my husband to join me in real estate. RAM are his initials, and since he's the third, there have been many RAM businesses on the Southshore through the years from senior RAM and RAM JR.

Those early years weren't easy. I cut my teeth on bank-owned properties, where I learned paperwork, picture-taking, dealing with construction and repairs, and most importantly how to see potential in a home. I learned how to look past the dirt, clutter, and damage and focus on what a home could become.

Looking back now, I see how God used those beginnings to shape me into who I am today. Every hardship, every foreclosure, every setback became a training ground for my calling. It wasn't luck. It wasn't chance. It was God's hand guiding me toward the place I was supposed to be.

And here's what I know to be true: beginnings don't define endings, but they sure do prepare us for them. If God can take a girl with no college, two foreclosures, and a repossessed car and create a thriving business built on faith, family, and service, who now owns multiple properties, He can do the same for anyone willing to trust Him.

So whether you're buying your very first home, thinking about investing, or just trying to find your footing again, remember, every ending is just the start of a new beginning. And you never know what God might create through yours.

INNER CHILD

FROM PAGE 4

ble part of us that carries all our childhood experiences, good and bad, and manifests in our daily lives without us even realizing it. It is a portrayal of our childhood experiences and the ways those experiences unconsciously affect us on a daily basis in our adult lives.

A good example to illustrate this is the way we may react to something minor that doesn't match our age or personality. We may later feel perplexed and ask ourselves why we overreacted to something so minor that may have scared us, hurt our feelings, or completely overwhelmed us. This is the inner child speaking up.

We all have memories from our childhood of when we may have felt unheard, neglected, or even abandoned, and many of our needs may not have been met. This part of our minds stores emotional memory, especially memories that left a lasting impact, regardless of them being hurtful and traumatizing, or nurturing and positive.

Even though we are adults, the younger self may reappear on a regular basis throughout our lives and influence how we react during conflict, how we navigate romantic relationships and friendships, but most of all, how we view ourselves.

If overreacting to advice given by a coworker on a team project and taking it as a personal attack or criticism, this is the inner child remembering a time when they felt not good enough, or that their feelings didn't matter, making them feel ignored. This leaves a lasting imprint on us that can manifest at any time in our lives.

We may be letting our inner child out without even realizing it. Our inner child remembers the smell of grandma's cookies, and we are instantly filled with feelings of nostalgia and joy, or we may catch a scent of a man's aftershave, and it's the same scent grandpa wore; so we are instantly taken back to building our first birdhouse together.

Many circumstances bring us back to a particular memory, and we experience those exact emotions reliving that memory, even though we are only experiencing it in our minds. There may be instances where some memories are of severe trauma, and one may feel that it's best to leave those parts of ourselves hidden, mainly because of fear of how overwhelming something may have been, and we don't want to retraumatize ourselves.

On the negative side, some people carry feelings of low self-worth or are too afraid to say what's on their minds because they were silenced as children or disregarded, making them feel like love needed to be earned, well into their adult years.

Sadly, most don't address their inner child, and they live their lives emotionally unhealed from the wounds and scars they've carried since childhood. Healing the inner child involves conscious work and it does take effort, but healing those most vulnerable parts of ourselves is key to having a healthy mind and body.

For many years in my adult life, I had a strange reaction to bicycles – a pang, nervousness, and a feeling of sudden sadness for no reason. Not understanding why my mind and body were reacting to something happy with panic, a rise in heart rate, and sweaty palms, I decided to sit in a moment of stillness, embrace that feeling, and slowly peel back the layers until I remembered back to when I first had it.

It didn't come to me right away, and it wasn't an easy task, but I realized I was reacting to when I was promised a pretty, blue bicycle if I passed to the next grade. I got the grades, but I didn't get the bike. Little did I know that this memory, however deeply buried, still influenced my reactions in adulthood.

With practice and determination, I was able to rewire how my brain reacted to seeing a bike by nurturing that disappointed little girl inside me who daydreamed for months of making good grades and getting a bike. Then I went out and bought myself the prettiest blue bike I could find, and a rainbow unicorn helmet to go with it.

Every time I rode that bike, I felt like a child. I haven't had a negative reaction to bicycles since.

If we had a way to go back in time as our adult selves, and sit face to face with a six-year-version of ourselves, what would that child say about their wants and desires, about what they were afraid of, what hurt their feelings, and what upset them? Would we nurture and comfort them, or would we walk away?

Not many of us could walk away from a child that's upset and hurting. We deserve to give that kind of love to our adult selves, to that little child inside whose needs may not have been met, regardless of how simple or ridiculous they may seem to our adult selves.

Anyone can heal their inner child, but first, they must understand that they do, indeed, have one. The road to true healing is being able to be authentic and real with ourselves, and for some, hiding those very vulnerable aspects of ourselves has become second nature.

Our inner child could be behind many of our emotions, and when properly nurtured, it can heal the mind in the most amazing ways!

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

From September 17, 2025

TIME FOR RHYMES

The solution to each clue is a pair of two-syllable words that rhyme.

1. Greasy mat made from paper lace
2. Extra-large okra stew
3. Correct mall visitor
4. Rowdy political gathering
5. Less interesting hue
6. Spine-chilling hypothesis

SOLUTION

1. Oily Doily	4. Raucous Caucus
2. Jumbo Gumbo	5. Duller Color
3. Proper Shopper	6. Eerie Theory

Congratulations to Mick Hawkins and Captain Jim Mascair for solving this challenging Brain Teaser!

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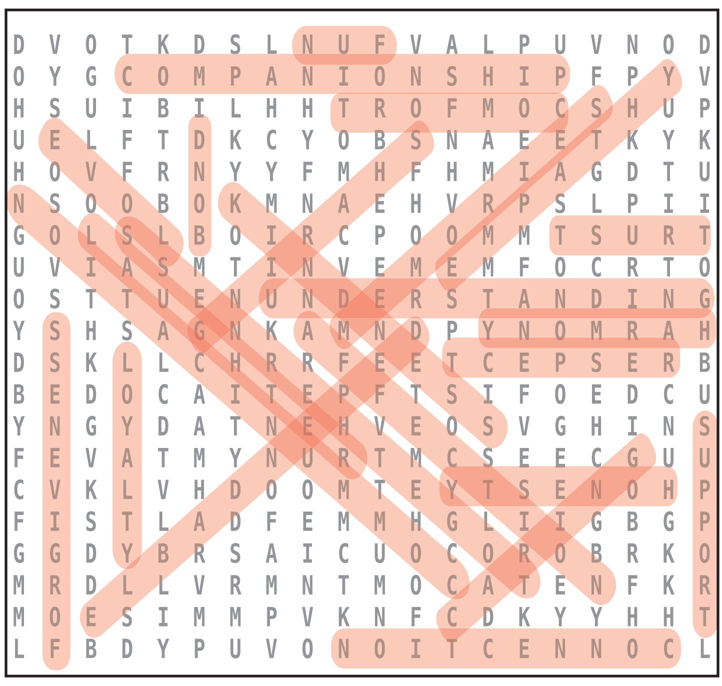

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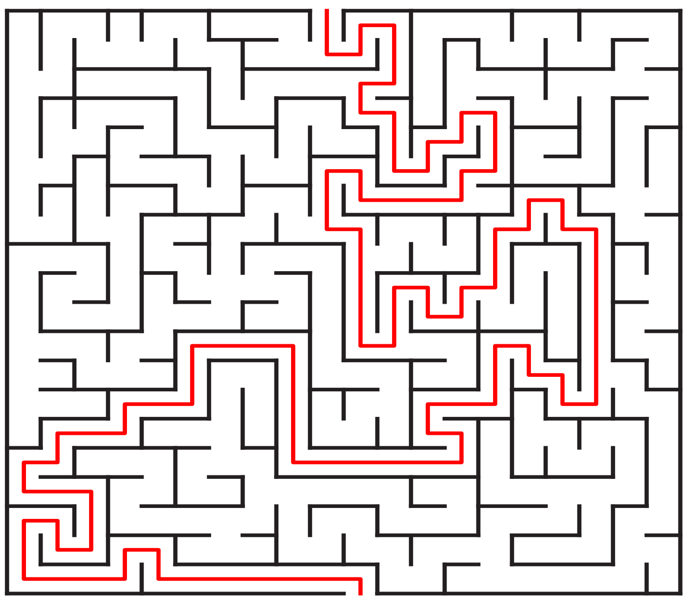

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Seat Check Saturday in Hammond

From LHSC

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers who drive with children in their vehicles can get their child safety seats checked for proper installation for free this Saturday morning at nine locations across the state, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission announced.

National Seat Check Saturday is a state and national campaign to ensure children are properly restrained in safety seats appropriate for their age and size. A child safety seat is critical for protecting a child in a crash, but it only works if it's the right seat that's been properly installed.

"Seat Check Saturday saves lives," LHSC Executive Director Lisa Freeman said. "It's that simple. For example, infants who are properly restrained in a seat that is right for them have a 71% reduced risk of being killed in a passenger car crash."

In 2024 in Louisiana, 13 children in motor vehicles under the age of 14 were killed in crashes, according to statistics from the Center for Analytics and Research in Transportation Safety at LSU. Only four of those children were properly restrained, the statistics show.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that since 1975, child restraints have saved the lives of 11,606 children under the age of 5.

Another NHTSA study says while most parents and caregivers believe they know how to correctly install their car seats, 46% installed them incorrectly.

During Seat Check Saturday, certified child passenger safety technicians will show adults how to properly install a seat and how to ensure the child is properly restrained.

"This is a free, life-saving service, and the Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force has strategically set up stations around the state so no one has to drive too far," Freeman said.

All child safety seat stations are open from 9am to noon this Saturday, Sept. 27. The local station is:

Southeastern University, Driving Range Parking Lot, 800 West University Ave, Hammond, LA 70518

Adults attending the Seat Check Saturday event should take the car they use to transport the child, along with the child and the car seat he or she will be in.

Parents and caregivers who cannot attend Seat Check Saturday can get step-by-step instructions or look for the closest technician available in their area by visiting http://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/car-seats-and-booster-seats - installation-help-inspection.

Here are some important child safety seat tips:

Always read the installation instructions. Skipping steps can have serious consequences.

Do not rush your child to the next seat. Keep your child in the back-facing seat until they are old enough and big enough to go to a front-facing seat will provide the maximum protection. The same holds true for moving a child from a front-facing seat to a booster seat and from a booster seat to a seat belt.

Louisiana law mandates that children under 13 remain in the back seat.

Register car seats with the manufacturer so you can be notified in case of a recall.

More information about child safety seats and booster seats is available at http://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/car-seats-and-booster-seats.

REMEMBERING

FROM PAGE 1

media companies feed us the most anger-inducing posts because they know the longer we scroll, the more ads they sell.

And it's working.

We are living on an emotional edge, always anxious, angry, and exhausted. We feel powerless to solve national problems, so we argue louder and longer online.

Meanwhile, the problems we could solve, the ones in our schools, neighborhoods, and churches, go unattended.

__The Cost of Losing Perspective__

When national politics takes up all the oxygen, we lose more than our peace of mind.

We lose perspective. We start to see neighbors as opponents, not partners. We stop talking to each other.

We lose the joy of ordinary moments, like the Little League game, the porch conversation, the laughter around the dinner table.

In my sixteen years serving you on the Tangipahoa Parish School Board, I've seen up close and personal the positive impact of those with the proper perspective and focus.

The most meaningful change I've witnessed didn't come from Congress or cable news.

It came from teachers staying late to help struggling students, from parents rallying to support their schools, and from local citizens showing up after hurricanes, floods, and fires to help clean up and rebuild.

That is the real work of a community, and when we let politics consume us, we miss it.

__How We Come Back__

Churchill's return to Chartwell offers a picture of the way forward.

After his loss, He didn't quit public life but remembered how to be fully human again.

He found joy in creativity, family, friendship, and quiet work that refreshed his soul.

We need that same recalibration. That means:

* Turning down the noise: spending less time doomscrolling and more time listening to the people we love.

* Investing locally: mentoring a child, volunteering at a school, serving in a church, or serving in a civic club.

* Choosing connection over conflict: sharing a meal with neighbors who see the world differently, and finding common ground.

* Doing meaningful work: putting our hands to something that builds rather than tears down.

__A Hopeful Way Forward__

Churchill eventually returned to leadership as a steadier, more reflective man who had rediscovered the rhythms of ordinary life.

Politics will still be there tomorrow.

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The Saints March

By Dwight Williams Jr.

Week 3: Sisyphus

Saints 13 - Seahawks 44

Last week, our heroes were given a blue gem before getting kicked out of their safe space by 49er dwarves and forced out into a heavy storm. While moving through the canyon, the gem begins to glow in one of the members' hands.

A loud screech comes from the sky above. As thunder rolls, the outline of a giant seahawk looms. The team runs away believing the gem and bird to be connected in some way.

Alright. There's no way to soften this blow, so let me just be direct. The Saints imploded and humiliated themselves in front of everybody.

For the past three weeks, I've gone to bat for this team, trying to sell people on them. When people talk about this team as "the worst in the league," I've defended them saying, "Yeah they're bad, but they're far from the worst team in the league!"

Oh, but this week? THIS IS THE THANKS I GET? This is my 4th year writing articles for the Saints, and I've seen my fair share of bad losses, but this one takes the cake.

This game was over in the 1st quarter. The Saints try to play aggressive on a failed 4th-down attempt, which sets up the 1st Seahawks touchdown. Then Tony Horton gets a 95-yard punt return to make it 14-0, and to add insult to injury, Seattle blocks a Saints punt for great position to get the score to 21-0.

That's a lot of points in a short time that the Saints couldn't recover from. It kept going from there and this game was a wrap by halftime.

What happened during the practices leading up to this? Did they forget to save the progress made from last week?

There was slop all around the board as all three parts of the game regressed. Not to mention that the penalties problem has come back with a vengeance.

What gets me is Kellan Moore is punting when down by 4 scores. You're already getting blown out, so there's no point in playing conservatively now.

But you know there is a light at the end of the tunnel! It's the headlight of a locomotive called the Buffalo Bills, the Saints' next opponent.

You know as these losses continue to pile up over time, sports writing starts to feel like the story of Sisyphus. Forced to push the boulder to the mountain top, only for it to roll back to the bottom and having to start all over again. The boulder's name is the New Orleans Saints.

The group finds a lost temple in the canyon with a seahawk statue. Believing it to be the glowing gem's origin they quickly approach it. Before they get there, the bird calls a mighty wave of water to wipe the team out, pushing them to their next destination.

Tulane Loses to Ole Miss

By JOEL RAY
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The Tulane Green Wave lost to the Ole Miss Rebels 45-10 in a college football game that was never close.

The loss was the first of the season for Tulane. The Green Wave now has a record of 3-1.

Neither of the Green Wave's two quarterbacks, Jake Retzlaff and Brendan Sullivan, was impressive completing just 10 of their 29 pass attempts for 104 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Ole Miss completely dominated Tulane. The Rebels had 548 yards of total offense while Tulane had 282 total yards.

"We didn't play very good," Tulane head coach Jon Sumrall said. "That's on me. We'll correct what we have to correct. They made good adjustments. We didn't play the way we needed to play to win this game."

Tulane's first conference game is next Saturday, September 27. "There's a lot to play for," Coach Sumrall said. "Conference play is right in front of us."

NEXT UP FOR THE GREEN WAVE is their first American Athletic Conference game of the season in Tulsa, Oklahoma, against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane. No game time had been set at the time this was written.

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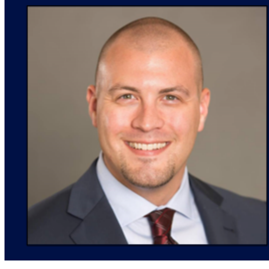

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Live Oak Uses Strong Second Half to Defeat Ponchatoula

By ETHAN PELTIER
Tangi Times Sportswriter

Live Oak defeated Ponchatoula 55-28 in a high scoring affair in the Swamp, courtesy of a strong second half, outscoring the Wave 27-8 in the second half.

It was back and forth to start off the game as Live Oak scored their first touchdown early on in the 1st from a fumble recovery touchdown on a botched punt from Ponchatoula. After picking off Ponchatoula on the Wave's next drive, Live Oak would score again on an 11-yard rushing touchdown to go up 14-0.

Ponchatoula scored their first touchdown of the game with a 2-yard touchdown run by Will Walker to make it 14-7 at the end of the first quarter. Ponchatoula scored on their next drive from a 19-yard touchdown run from Will Walker again to tie the game at 14.

Live Oak responded with a 69-yard passing touchdown on their next drive to take the lead right back. After a fourth down stop at the 1 yard line for Live Oak, they would score on another explosive play on a 70-yard passing touchdown to go back up 28-14.

With no time left, Will Walker got his third rushing touchdown of the half to cut the lead to 28-20 after a missed PAT.

The second half, however, was all Live Oak. Live Oak's first two drives of the second half resulted in passing touchdowns, one from 16 yards out and the other from 28 yards out.

Despite another rushing touchdown from Ponchatoula by Jackson Aucoin to cut the lead to 42-28, Live Oak added 2 more touchdowns to solidify a 55-28 road win in the Swamp. Ponchatoula drops their third straight game to start off the season, sitting at 0-3.

This week, the Wave travel to St. James, still looking for their first win of the season. Kickoff will be at 7pm.

Lady Wave Volleyball had a great week of games last week finishing 6-1.

Tuesday vs John Curtis- 23-25, 9-25, 14-25

Thursday vs Walker- 25-13, 25-14, 25-17

Ruston Tournament on Friday and Saturday

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The girls now sit at 10-4 on the season. This week, the girls travel to Christ Episcopal on Tuesday and take on Belle Chasse at home on Thursday.

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By PABLO CREWES
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After a 5-0 start, the Southeastern Lady Lion volleyball team rebounded from a 4-match skid with a pair of victories to close out the Texas A&M Invitational over the weekend.

The three-day event started with a straight setback to the Aggies, 25-16, 25-15, and 25-18. The skid was snapped the next day with a 3-1 win over Loyola Marymount, 26-28, 25-17, 25-20, and 25-16.

Peyton Stokely led her team in digs with 15 and assists with 25. India Bennett controlled the net with 7 blocks, Kyra McElvey had 15 kills, and Abigail Bailey and Ayla Klingenberg each served up aces.

Saturday's finale was a sweep of New Hampshire, 25-15, 25-16, and 25-22. McElvey had another 14 kills, Ainsley Driska added four blocks, Ashely Richardson was credited with 20 assists, and Lexi Gonzalez pitched in with nine digs. Three Lady Lions – Stokley, Bailey, and Klingenberg had aces in a win that improved Coach Lee McBride's troop to a 7-4 mark on the year.

After a Tuesday night home with Southern, McNeese comes to town on Thursday night for the Southland Conference opener on Dig the Lions night and the dropping of the 2024 SLC Championship banner. Then on Saturday, archrival Nicholls pays a visit to the University Center on Gold Out day. Match time is high noon.

You can listen locally on 90.9 and watch live on ESPN+.

Moving outside, after a shaky start, Coach Nathan Gillespie's Lady Lion soccer team has shown major improvement over the last few weeks. SLU dropped their first four by a combined score of 12-2 but rebounded by a pair of ties and a win over Southern before opening league play.

On Sunday, the hot streak continued with a 1-0 win on the road at Texas-Rio Grande Valley. Emma Ramsey's goal at the 67:56 mark was all that her team would need to pick up their first win in the Southland and second in a row overall. Kendall Curran went the distance in goal, stopping three shots in 90 minutes of action.

The 2-4-2 Lady Lions will be in action again on Thursday night when Stephen F. Austin enters Strawberry Stadium for kickoff set for 7. The game will stream live on ESPN+, and live stats will be available where you can find all the information on all your favorite SLU teams, lionsports.net.

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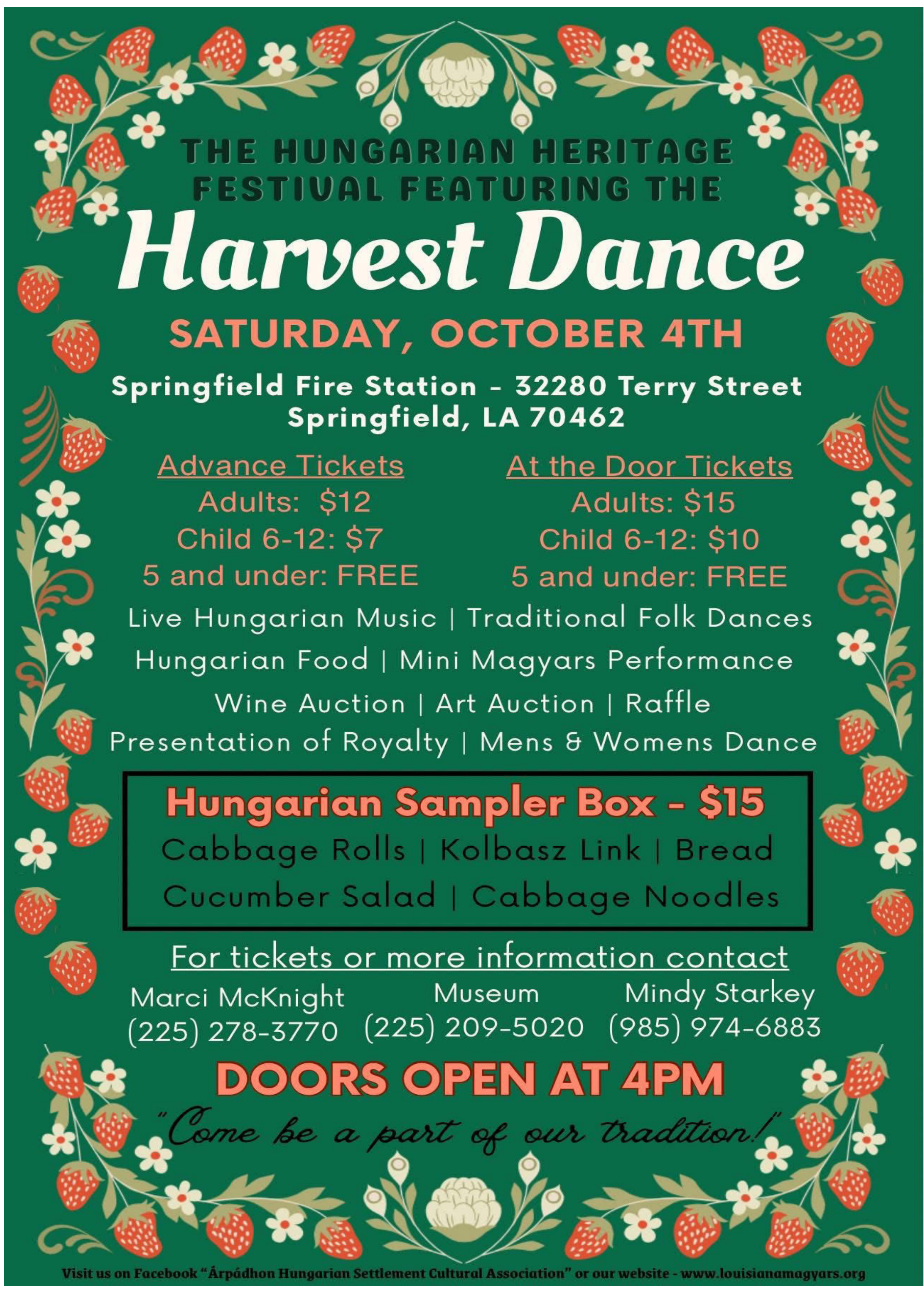

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